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annually, and this year they recommended putting the two sources of money together in the Crime Commission where the first fund was put and had been administered over the years. And with the committee amendment we will be doing that, and including the Office of Juvenile Services in those recommendations, but making the process streamlined and a little easier for those communities around the state to be able to move forward with their grant process. And that's essentially what it's about, but because the amendment becomes the bill, I will stop talking at this point so that the Chairman of the committee can tell you the exact contents that you'll be voting on. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Thompson. You've heard the opening on LB 193. There are committee amendments, as stated. Chairman of committee Jensen, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. And before I go into that opening, you know, each one of us, as we come to the Legislature, come with certain backgrounds and experiences, and Senator Thompson has long brought with her that interest in juvenile services and juvenile justice issues that I've certainly relied upon her as we worked together in Health and Human Services, and then she went over to that other committee for...and has been there since, in Appropriations. But any time I certainly had a question on juvenile services, I've always turned to her, and I'm really going to miss that. And I hope somebody picks up that mantle for carrying on juvenile services and juvenile justice for the state here. With that, I'll proceed to introduce the committee amendment, which does replace the bill, as introduced. The amendment, like the green copy of LB 193, relates to the County Juvenile Services Aid Program established under the Juvenile Services Act. The bill transfers provisions related to the aid program from the HHS Office of Juvenile Services, referred to as OJS, to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Commission. Section 1 of the amendment says that in order to participate in either the commission grant program or aid program, counties must develop and adopt comprehensive juvenile service plans. The bill requires counties to submit such plans to the commission, not OJS, according to the rules